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A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend Bobby Williams for 40 years of outstanding service to the Mt. Ararat Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Obion County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through diligence and hard work have had a significant impact on Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bobby Williams is one such notable individual, who for forty years has dedicated his life to teaching the Lord's Word at the Mt. Ararat Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Troy; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams, along with his wife Benita, came to the Mt. Ararat Church in 1957 and revitalized Mt. Ararat from a dwindling country church into a thriving congregation; and

WHEREAS, the son of Elbert and Pearlie Mae Williams, Bobby Williams grew up in the Dixie community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams met his future wife while he was a senior at Dixie High School, and Miss Benita Sims was teaching at the school while studying at Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, from their blessed union, one son, Tim, was born; and

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WHEREAS, Brother Bobby Williams began to preach at the Mt. Ararat Church in 1957 on a part-time basis and later began preaching there full-time; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his preaching efforts, Brother Bobby and Benita Williams were also teachers at the Dixie School, where they were admired by students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, shortly after their marriage, Benita was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis; the disease quickly progressed and Benita was soon confined to a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, in order to devote more time to taking care of his wife, Brother Bobby Williams retired from his teaching and coaching jobs from the Dixie School in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams was instrumental in establishing Mt. Ararat's youth program, where the young people of the community are ministered to each week; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Reverend Williams has always managed to devote his time to his congregation and to help others in need; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Reverend Williams accomplished his longtime goal of receiving his Doctorate of Theology degree; and

WHEREAS, although Benita's condition has progressed to the point of incapacitation, the Williamses are always ministering to the congregation of Mt. Ararat Church and to the rest of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate this exemplary Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Reverend Bobby Williams on forty distinguished years with the Mt. Ararat Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Reverend and Mrs. Bobby Williams continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.